

FESTINA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 1857

(Below is from Membership List)

Eppel Andreas, wife: Maria, children: Alexis 16, Therese 14, Chriostemus 9.

BRIEF FAMILY BIO

(This family has conflicting information between the Church Record & the Census Records. I will list what I have found.)

Surname is spelled 4 ways: Abel, Apel, Eppel & Epple.

Andrew (1803-?) b. Bavaria/Bayern. bur. ?

Mary (1810-?) b. Bavaria/Bayern. bur. ?

1856 Iowa Census: Washington Twp., (Abel) Andrew 54, Mary 46, Francis 13 or 18, Krisostimos 7. Occupation: Farmer.

1860 Federal Census: Washington Twp., (Epple) Andrew 58, Mary 50, Lewis 20, Theodore 17, John 9. Occupation: Master Carpenter.

1870 Federal Census: Washington Twp., (Epple) Andrew 68, Mary 60, C. 21. Occupation: Carpenter.

1880 Federal Census: Washington Twp., (Apel) Andrew 76. Occupation: Carpenter.

Census material can sometimes be inaccurate. The 1860 Census lists Andrew as a Master Carpenter. Could it be the young men listed at this dwelling were not his children but rather carpenter apprentices?

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